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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/832,603	Applicant(s) COONEY ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on March 3, 2008. Claims 21 and 22 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dudle et al US Pat. No. 5,570,291 A.

Claims 21 and 22, Dudle discloses a method for enabling a potential purchaser of a future product that is to be manufactured by a potential supplier and sold to the purchaser in the future to negotiate a mutually agreeable price at which the product will be sold by the supplier to the purchaser (abstract, column 14, lines 9-46, and figs. 28-36), wherein:

the purchaser links its own sources of data relating to the design and manufacture of the product and to shipment of the product from the supplier to a point-of-use by the purchaser through an interactive computer system that is accessible to purchaser's design, manufacturing, and purchasing staffs (column 10, line 51 thru column 11, line 45);

the purchaser utilizes the interactive computer system to process inputs from those staffs and data from purchaser's data sources and to develop from those inputs and data, additional data that defines a design for the product, a

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process for manufacturing the product, shipment from the supplier to the purchaser's point-of-use, and a cost that the purchaser expects the supplier to have incurred in manufacturing the product and having the product delivered to the purchaser's point-of-use (column 10, line 51 thru column 11, line 45);

the purchaser transmits the additional data to the supplier; and

the purchaser and the supplier utilize the transmitted data to negotiate toward a mutually agreeable price at which the supplier will sell the product to the purchaser and the purchaser will buy the product from the supplier (column 6, lines 44-67, column 14, lines 9-46, and figs. 28-36). ;

wherein, the supplier utilizes the transmitted additional data to create a counterproposal to the purchaser containing one or more modifications of the transmitted data based on the data from the supplier's own data sources; the supplier transmits the counterproposal to the purchaser, and the counterproposal is utilized by the purchaser and supplier to negotiate toward a mutually agreeable price at which the supplier will sell the product to the purchaser and the purchaser will buy the product from the supplier (column 2, lines 47-57, column 6, lines 44-67, column 14, lines 9-46, and figs. 28-36).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 21 and 22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (571) 272-6745. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3691